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## ANNUAL REPORT

on the

STATE of the PUBLIC HEALTH  
for the Year  
1951

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Kington Rural District Council.*

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1951, which has been compiled in accordance with Ministry of Health Circular 42/51.

During the year under review it is pleasing to note that there were no epidemics and the incidence of notifiable disease remained at a very low level.

I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their interest and support and the Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Jolliffe, for their help and co-operation at all times.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

L. N. GOULD,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

## SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44,472
Population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,933
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1951) according to the Rate Books								1,489
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£15,067
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£59 5 5

### EXTRACT FROM THE VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR:

				Total	Male	Female
LIVE BIRTHS (Legitimate)	...	...		82	40	42
(Illegitimate)	...	...		6	5	1
				—	—	—
Total	...	...		88	45	43
STILL BIRTHS (Legitimate)	...	...		6	2	4
(Illegitimate)	...	...		—	—	—
				—	—	—
Total	...	...		6	2	4
DEATHS	...	...	...	67	34	33
DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES				Nil	—	—
DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE						
YEAR OF AGE (Legitimate)	...			3	3	—
(Illegitimate)	...			—	—	—

### COMPARABLE DATA FOR ENGLAND AND WALES, 1951.

Birth rate (per 1,000 of the estimated resident population)	...	...	17.8
Birth rate for England and Wales	...	...	15.5
Still Birth rate (per 1,000 of the estimated resident population)	...	...	1.22
Still Birth rate for England and Wales	...	...	0.36
Death rate (per 1,000 of the estimated resident population)	...	...	13.6
Death rate for England and Wales	...	...	12.5
Infant Mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	...	...	34.1
Infant Mortality rate for England and Wales	...	...	29.6

## SECTION B. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

### LABORATORY FACILITIES

Laboratory facilities are available at the County Public Health Laboratory, County Hospital, Hereford.

The number of specimens sent by the Public Health Department to the laboratory for bacteriological examination from the Northern Districts of Herefordshire during the year is as follows:—

Examined for:—					Positive	Negative	Total
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	2	486	555
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	67		
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	2		
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	53	110	165
Typhoid Carriers (Blood)	...	...	...	...	1		
Miscellaneous Examinations	...	...	...	...	...		
(e.g. Eye Swabs, etc.)	...	...	...	...	2	16	18

### CLINICS

Under the County Council and Regional Hospital Board schemes the following clinic facilities are available to residents in the district:—

Child Welfare Centre: In the Church Hall, Kingston, on alternate Tuesdays at 2.0 p.m.

Venereal Diseases: At the County Hospital, Hereford, on Wednesdays and Fridays.

The schemes also provide for Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics, Paediatric, Ear, Nose and Throat and Eye Clinics. Children are referred to these Clinics as and when required, on the recommendation of the School Medical or Infant Welfare Authority, or at the request of the Medical Practitioner.

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I am indebted to Mr. J. H. M. Jolliffe, Sanitary Inspector to the Council, for the following statement (Section C to E) furnished under the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations.

## SECTION C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND INSPECTIONS

### WATER SUPPLIES

The greater part of the area is dependent upon well and spring supplies and no instance of serious shortage arose during the year. During 1951 forty-seven samples of water were taken and of these three were found to be unsatisfactory and steps taken to improve the quality of the water. It is pleasing to note the increase in the number of private schemes for piped water supplies.

It has still been impossible to finalise the scheme for Pembridge, Eardisley, Whitney and Willersley.

### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The villages of Eardisley and Pembridge are sewered and the mode of disposal is by land treatment. During the year considerable improvements were made to the Pembridge outfall which has improved the effluent.

## RIVERS AND STREAMS

During the year no complaints of any pollution were received.

## REFUSE DISPOSAL

There are three disposal centres under the control of the Council. A scheme for the collection of household refuse throughout the whole of the district was under review at the close of the year.

## RODENT CONTROL

During the year a Rodent Operator was appointed and he commenced to survey the district. Unfortunately he had to relinquish his appointment for health reasons and a successor has not yet been appointed.

## SUMMARY OF INSPECTION

Houses inspected	...	...	...	36
Houses inspected and recorded	...	...	...	120
Houses re-inspected	...	...	...	101
Visits to new housing sites	...	...	...	364
Nuisances investigated	...	...	...	12
Disinfections	...	...	...	12
Disinfestations	...	...	...	4
Food premises inspected	...	...	...	16
Food inspections	...	...	...	14
Milk samples taken	...	...	...	79
Water samples taken	...	...	...	47
Building bye-law visits	...	...	...	49
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	168
TOTAL	...	1,022		

## NOTICES ISSUED

Informal	...	...	...	...	21
Statutory	...	...	...	...	10
Complied with	...	...	...	...	18

## INSPECTIONS MADE UNDER THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		Occupiers Prosecuted
		Inspections	Written Notices	
1. Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	11	12	1	—
2. Factories not included in 1 in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	4	2	—
3. Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by L.A. (excluding outworkers)	—	—	—	—
Total	13	16	3	—

# CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness, Sec. 1.	2	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding, Sec. 2 ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temp. Sec. 3.	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventil. Sec. 4. ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage, Sec. 6. ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences, Sec. 7.	—	—	—	—	—
(a) Insufficient ...	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	1	1	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	3	3	—	—	—

## SECTION D. HOUSING

During the year under review a further eight houses were completed at the housing sites and twelve were practically completed. Work had commenced on a further twelve houses and tenders sought for an additional twelve houses whilst sites were being purchased for a still further twelve houses on three sites.

Two houses were completed by private enterprise which shows a considerable increase in the new dwellings completed since the end of the war.

Nevertheless the waiting list for houses still seems to increase rather than decrease. It must be again pointed out that evictions still continue and if a scheme could be devised whereby the views of the housing authority and the repercussions on their list of applications by these evictions could be made known before the order is made, then the number of cases of hardship might be reduced.

An undertaking not to relet one house was received and agreed following demolition order procedure and one case of overcrowding abated following court proceedings.

Two applications under part 2 of the Housing Act, 1949, were under consideration during the year.

Complaints as to unsatisfactory housing accommodation were dealt with as they arose.

## SECTION E. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Sixteen inspections of food premises were made and three unsatisfactory conditions dealt with.

One whole bacon pig and its organs was found to be unfit on account of generalised tuberculosis.

Only a very small quantity of other foods were found to be unsatisfactory and required condemnation.



## SECTION F.—PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

#### ANALYSIS OF TOTAL NOTIFIED CASES, ACCORDING TO AGE

DISEASE		AGE OF PATIENT														
		0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	Over 40	Unknown	Total
Scarlet Fever	...	—	—	2	4	6	2	3	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	20
Whooping Cough	...	4	4	6	6	7	9	6	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	48
Measles	...	—	3	4	3	3	3	2	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	23

## FOOD POISONING

No cases were reported during the year.

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

No cases were reported during the year under this Act.

## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

The following figures are presented through information supplied by the County Medical Officer.

Number of children at 31st December, 1951 who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e. at any time since 1st January, 1937).

Age at 31. 12. 51.	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	Total under 15
i.e. Born in year	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1942- 1946	1937- 1941	
	5	45	52	66	66	378	356	968

These figures compared with the Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year child population indicate that 56.9% of the child population under five years of age has been immunised against diphtheria as compared with 56.8% at the end of 1950. 91.4% of the child population of 5-14 years has been immunised against diphtheria as compared with 83.8% at the end of the previous year. To sum up 79.7% of the children under 15 years of age has been immunised compared with 74.5% for the year ending 31st December, 1950.

## TUBERCULOSIS

At the end of 1951 the Tuberculosis Register contained the names of eighteen males and twenty-six females who normally reside within the district.

During the year seven new cases were notified, four on account of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and three because of the presence of the disease in parts of the body other than the lungs. One case was transferred from the Non-Pulmonary to the Pulmonary list.

During the same period two deaths of persons suffering from Tuberculosis occurred, two left the district and three recovered.

DISEASE	Males	Females	Total
1.—Tuberculosis, respiratory ...	1	1	2
2. Tuberculosis, other ...	—	—	—
3. Syphilitic disease ...	—	—	—
4. Diphtheria ...	—	—	—
5. Whooping Cough ...	—	—	—
6. Meningococcal infections ...	—	—	—
7. Acute poliomyelitis ...	—	—	—
8. Measles ...	—	—	—
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	1	4	5
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	—	—	—
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast ...	—	1	1
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus ...	—	1	1
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms ...	2	1	3
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia ...	—	—	—
16. Diabetes ...	—	—	—
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system ..	3	5	8
18. Coronary disease, angina ...	4	2	6
19. Hypertension with heart disease ...	1	—	1
20. Other heart disease ...	8	6	14
21. Other circulatory disease ...	—	1	1
22. Influenza ...	—	—	—
23. Pneumonia ...	4	2	6
24. Bronchitis ...	1	3	4
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1	2
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	—	—	—
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...	—	—	—
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	1	1	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate ...	4	—	4
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	—	—	—
31. Congenital malformations ...	1	—	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	4	6
33. Motor vehicle accidents ...	—	—	—
34. All other accidents ...	—	—	—
35. Suicide ...	—	—	—
36. Homicide and operations of war ...	—	—	—
All causes ...			67